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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace pending paragraph 00022 with the following:

[00022] Referring to Figure 2, a tubular blank or member 10 is shown for use in carrying out a method, according to the present invention, of progressively hydro-forming a tubular member such as the fuel filler neck 36 and manifold connector 38. The term "progressive hydro-forming" as used in this application means a two-stage die that enables a small tube to be expanded significantly. This two-stage die could be mounted to the press bed of a hydro-forming press. Alternatively, this two-stage die with separate die cavities could be mounted in two separate presses. It should be appreciated that, although the method is described for the fuel filler neck and manifold connector 38, the method can be used for progressive hydro-forming of other tubular members for components such as exhaust systems.